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1. MISSION GENEVA BELIEVES THAT PROPOSAL IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL IS EXCELLENT IDEA. USUN MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIVISION OF THE UN WHICH, AS A RESULT OF A U.S. RESOLUTION IN ECOSOC (1973-74), WORKED ON A PROJECT TO ESTABLISH SOCIAL INDICATORS FOR USE BY ALL MEMBER STATES. TO AVOID DUPLICATION, AS WELL AS TO MAKE USE OF EXISTING DATA, THE RESOLUTION AND THE RESULTING STUDY SHOULD BE REVIEWED BEFORE A NEW SOCIAL AUDIT IS RECOMMENDED.

2. THE INITIATIVE DISCUSSED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL WOULD BE, WE ASSUME, PART OF AN EFFORT TO LEND CREDIBILITY TO THE U.S. POSITION OF EQUALITY BETWEEN CIVIL AND POLITICAL VS. SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, IT SEEMS TO MISSION GENEVA THAT A FOOD CORPS WOULD BE ONLY PART OF THE PACKAGE AND COULD, THEREFORE, BE ATTACKED AS NOT ENOUGH. THE NON-ALIGNED APPEAR TO BE TALKING MORE ABOUT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WHEN THEY SPEAK OF SOCIAL,

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ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS. A FOOD CORPS RESOLUTION COULD, THEREFORE, BE REJECTED AS NOT DEALING WITH THE THIRD WORLD CONCEPTS OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS. CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE NON-ALIGNED IS RECOMMENDED IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO TABLE A FREEDOM FROM HUNGER RESOLUTION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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